

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

PERMIT FOR DIVERSION AND USE OF WATER

PERMIT 21122

Application 31125 of

**J. Gene Zimmerman
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filed on **January 10, 2001**, has been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)
SUBJECT TO PRIOR RIGHTS and to the limitations and conditions of this permit.

Permittee is hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

1. Source of water

Source:

Smith Creek

Tributary to:

Bean Creek thence

North Fork Merced River thence

Merced River

within the County of **Mariposa**

2. Location of point of diversion

By California Coordinate System of 1927, Zone 3	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section (Projected)*	Township	Range	Base and Meridian
North 465,600 feet and East 2,101,600 feet	SE¼ of NE¼	12	2S	16E	MD

3. Purpose of use	4. Place of use	Section (Projected)*	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres
Recreational						
Stockwatering						
Domestic						
Irrigation	SE ¼ of NE ¼	12	2S	16E	MD	6
	NE¼ of SE¼	12	2S	16E	MD	7
	SW¼ of NW¼	7	2S	17E	MD	7

	NW¼ of SW¼	7	2S	17E	MD	37
	NE¼ of SW¼	7	2S	17E	MD	7
	SE¼ of SW¼	7	2S	17E	MD	3
					Total	67

The place of use is shown on map on file with the SWRCB.

5. The water appropriated shall be limited to the quantity which can be beneficially used and shall not exceed 60 acre-feet per annum to be collected from November 1 of each year to May 31 of the succeeding year. The total quantity of water collected to storage under this permit, together with that collected under License 6392 (Application 14979), shall not exceed 240 acre-feet per annum. The maximum withdrawal in any one year from storage under any permit issued pursuant to Application 31125 and under License 6392 (Application 14979) shall not exceed 180 acre-feet.
(0000005C)
(0000114)
6. This permit does not authorize collection of water to storage outside of the specified season to offset evaporation and seepage losses or for any other purpose.
(0000005I)
7. Construction work and complete application of the water to the authorized use shall be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and completed by December 31, 2012.
(0000009)
8. Permittee shall install and maintain an outlet pipe of adequate capacity in each dam as near as practicable to the bottom of the natural stream channel, or provide other means satisfactory to the State Water Resources Control Board, in order that water entering the reservoir which is not authorized for appropriation under this permit can be released.
(0050043C)
9. This permit is subject to prior rights. Permittee is put on notice that, during some years, water will not be available for diversion during portions or all of the season authorized herein. The annual variations in demands and hydrologic conditions in the San Joaquin River Basin are such that, in any year of water scarcity, the season of diversion authorized herein may be reduced or completely eliminated by order of the SWRCB, made after notice to interested parties and opportunity for hearing.
(0000090)
10. No diversion is authorized by this permit under the following conditions: (1) when in order to maintain water quality in the San Joaquin River at Vernalis at a level of 500 parts per million (ppm) Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), the Bureau of Reclamation is releasing stored water from New Melones Reservoir or is curtailing the collection of water to storage, or (2) during any time of low flows when TDS levels at Vernalis exceed 500 ppm. These restrictions shall not apply when, in the judgment of the State Water Resources Control Board, curtailment of diversion under this permit will not be effective in lowering the TDS at Vernalis, or when in the absence of permittee's

diversion, hydraulic continuity would not exist between permittee's point of diversion and Vernalis. The Board shall notify permittee at any time curtailment of diversion is required under this term.

(0000093)

SPECIAL TERM:

At any time that there is insufficient natural flow entering the South Delta from the San Joaquin River to satisfy Delta water quality and consumptive use needs, the permittee shall not divert or store any of the natural flow of the water course.

(0350900)

ALL PERMITS ISSUED BY THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. The amount authorized for appropriation may be reduced in the license if investigation warrants.
(0000006)
- B. Progress reports shall be submitted promptly by permittee when requested by the SWRCB until a license is issued.
(0000010)
- C. Permittee shall allow representatives of the SWRCB and other parties, as may be authorized from time to time by said SWRCB, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this permit.
(0000011)
- D. Pursuant to California Water Code sections 100 and 275, and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of SWRCB in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

The continuing authority of the SWRCB may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this permit with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of permittee without unreasonable draft on the source. Permittee may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this permit and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.

The continuing authority of the SWRCB also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the permittee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will

be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Section 2; is consistent with the public interest; and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.

(0000012)

- E. The quantity of water diverted under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto is subject to modification by the SWRCB if, after notice to the permittee and an opportunity for hearing, the SWRCB finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the SWRCB finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges.

(0000013)

- F. This permit does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened or endangered species or any act which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code sections 2050 to 2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. sections 1531 to 1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this water right, the permittee shall obtain authorization for an incidental take prior to construction or operation of the project. Permittee shall be responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act for the project authorized under this permit.

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- G. Permittee shall maintain records of the amount of water diverted and used to enable the State Water Resources Control Board to determine the amount of water that has been applied to beneficial use pursuant to Water Code Section 1605.

(0000015)

- H. No work shall commence and no water shall be diverted, stored or used under this permit until a copy of a stream or lake alteration agreement between the State Department of Fish and Game and the permittee is filed with the Division of Water Rights. Compliance with the terms and conditions of the agreement is the responsibility of the permittee. If a stream or lake agreement is not necessary for this permitted project, the permittee shall provide the Division of Water Rights a copy of a waiver signed by the State Department of Fish and Game.

(0000063)

This permit is issued and permittee takes it subject to the following provisions of the Water Code:

Section 1390. A permit shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code), but no longer.

Section 1391. Every permit shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a permit is issued takes it subject to the conditions therein expressed.

Section 1392. Every permittee, if he accepts a permit, does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any permit granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any permittee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any permittee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD



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Chief, Division of Water Rights

Dated: FEB 27 2002